

26 OCT 2006, HHC STT to Point Alpha (Fulda, Germany)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Wuerzburg Medical Activity, conducted Sergeants' Time Training by taking a trip to the U.S. controlled area known as Point Alpha on 26 OCT 2006. Point Alpha is located near the town of Fulda, Germany, which is commonly known as the "Fulda Gap." The Soldiers from HHC MEDDAC took guided tours to learn of the Cold War standoff and boundaries of Western and Eastern Germany during the years following World War II and the onset of the Marshall Plan.

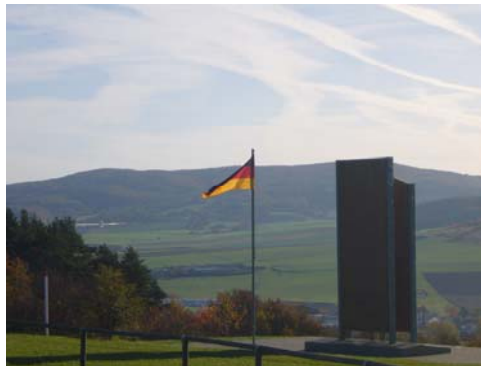
Over forty Soldiers participated in the day trip to Fulda, Germany. Soldiers learned about the mission of the U.S. Soldiers guarding Point Alpha, their living conditions, types of weaponry, and billeting. The Soldiers also learned about the defensive measures that were used by Soviet Soldiers to keep the East German residents within the borders of East Germany.

Massive fences, laced with barbed wire, booby traps and mine fields were placed along the sprawling German countryside to act as deterrents for even the most persistent East Germany attempting to flee to the West.

The trip was an opportunity to link present day Soldiers to the past and to see how the mission set in Germany and throughout Europe has changed for U.S. Forces over the past six decades.



Soviet Guard Tower in East Germany



German flag flies proudly over Point Alpha